Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.—Is the Railway jetty open to the public now ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is under the control of the Railway Department.

Attampatta Chira—construction of.

53. Mr. K. Kunhi Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) if the Government intend to take any fresh step to put up the Attampatta Chira for which there was a budgetted amount, item No. 251 of 1109 budget;

(2) if the Government is aware of the importance of the said Chira?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) The Government had to drop the proposal to construct the chira when a certain interested ryot, who is to be mainly benefited by the chira, failed to stand by an undertaking to contribute half the cost of the work. Government will reconsider their position if a similar undertaking is forthcoming.

(2) The chira will be useful.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know Sir, whether the contribution of half the cost of the work was not as a matter of fact made by the parties concerned to the extent of Rs. 1,500 deposited in the Talapilly Treasury ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— The deposit was made; but when we prepared the estimate and asked for half the cost of the work he retracted.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know was it not in response to the orders of the Government that the deposit was made?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I think the deposit was made before the estimate was prepared.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was he not asked to take back the deposit as a result of the Government thinking that the bridge and sluice that was proposed to be put at Attampatta was not necessary?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Government had not made a cost report of the Chira.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was not this work originally budgetted to serve this interested party ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—This was budgetted on condition that he would pay half the cost of the work.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it not of public importance? Was it to serve himself?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It was to serve a very limited public purpose. This Chira is to irrigate about 94·6 acres of which 57·8 acres belonged to that ryot.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—What is the present estimate?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is Rs. 4,800.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Therefore if the party is willing to pay Rs. 2,400 the Government will put up the Chira.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—If he undertakes, then it will be considered. The Government will reconsider its position if the ryot pays half the estimated cost.

Loan applications—Special Loan Department.

54. **Mr. C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of applications for loans received by the Special Loan Department for amounts between 100 and 5,000 rupees;

(b) between Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 7,500;

(c) between Rs. 7,500 and Rs. 10,000;

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) 4,033.

(b) 59.

(c) 52.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Of these 4,033 applications how many were given?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—A total amount of Rs. 2,70,000 and odd was disbursed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know the number of persons to whom loans were given?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—It is published in the Gazette.

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